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## MASS MEDIA BUREAU ENGINEERING DATA BASES ARE NOW AVAILABLE OVER THE INTERNET

As part of its continuing effort to provide public access to information over the Internet, the Commission has now made the Mass Media Bureau's AM, FM, and TV Engineering Data Bases available through the Internet. The data base files have been compressed by using the program gzip. The program gzip is available from the directory pub/util on the FCC site. The data bases are sent to the FCC internet site each Friday and are available in zipped form after 12:00 noon on Friday.

The AM Engineering Data Base contains engineering parameters of AM stations ( licenses, construction permits, and applications) in the United States, Canada, Mexico, etc. The record layout description is contained in file amdiction.txt, which is in an unzipped ascii text file. The zipped data file name is amdata.dat.gz.

The FM Engineering Data Base contains engineering parameters of FM stations, FM translators, FM boosters (licenses, construction permits, and applications), vacant channels, and proposed amendments to the Table of Allotments for the United States, Canada, and Mexico. The FM data are contained in three files. The record layout description for the three data files is contained in file fmdiction.txt, which is an unzipped ascii text file. The zipped data file names are: fmfxeng.dat.gz, which contains the primary data; fmfxengcmnts.dat.gz, which contains comments associated with certain records in the primary file; fmfxda.dat.gz, which contains directional antenna tabulations associated with certain records in the primary file.

The TV Engineering Data Base contains engineering parameters of TV stations, TV translators, TV boosters, Low-Power TV stations (licenses, construction permits, and applications), vacant channels, and proposed amendments to the Table of Allotments for the United States, Canada, and Mexico. The TV data are contained in two files. The record layout description for the primary TV data base is contained in file tvdiction.txt, which is an unzipped ascii text (over)

file. The zipped data file for the primary data base is tvdb.dat.gz. The record layout description for the TV directional antenna tabulations is contained in file tvdadiction.txt, which is an unzipped ascii text file. The zipped data file for the TV directional antenna tabulations is tvdadb.dat.gz.

The data files and descriptions are contained in the ftp directory: pub/Bureaus/Mass Media/Databases. This directory is at the Commission's anonymous ftp site, ftp.fcc.gov.

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